EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022

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> > 10:30 am

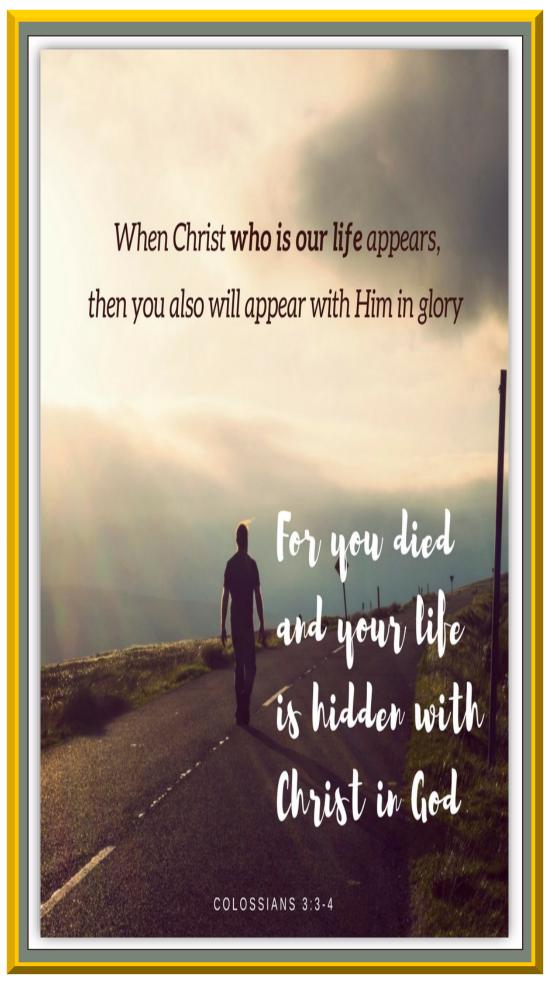
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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER JULY 31, 2022

WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church O Lord, You have made great and gracious promises that come to me through my Baptism into Christ. As I recall my Baptism, assure me of Your forgiveness, strengthen my faith, and lead me to be an instrument of Your peace and joy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER -** The three Readings today all tell of the contrasts between people who have faith in Christ and those who do not. The important message is that we recognize God's gracious blessings and so reflect them as we live. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15) and warns about one who is "not rich toward God" (v. 21). When in

Ecclesiastes "the Preacher" sees vanity all around, he writes, "to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy" (Ecclesiastes 2:26). In the Epistle, Paul promises that we who, in our Baptism, "have been raised with Christ, . . . will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1a, 4b). We have been given not only physical life but also eternal life.

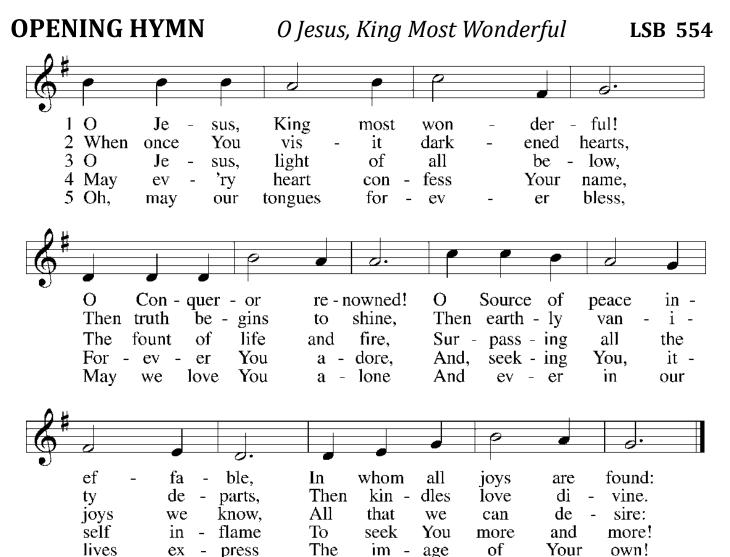
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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)



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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

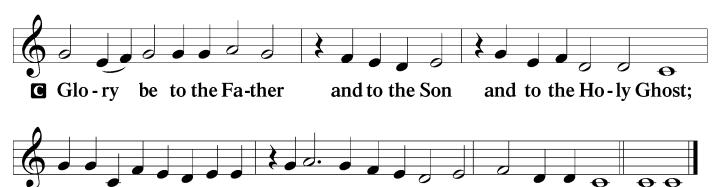
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon, Psalm 34:8 INTROIT

- Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the P man who trusts in Him!
- For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for C His dwelling place:
- "This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have P desired it.
- I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her C poor with bread.
- I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints P shall shout aloud for joy.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy C Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the P man who trusts in Him!

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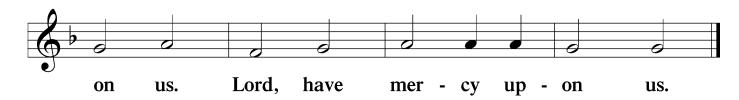


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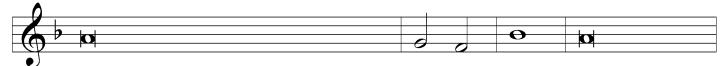
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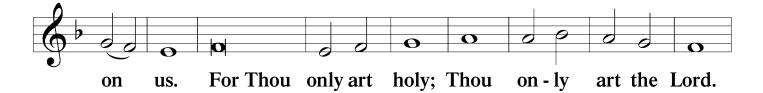
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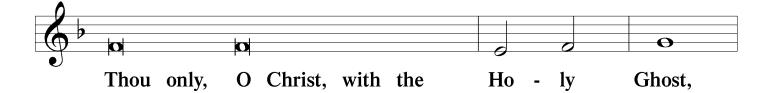


Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-







God the Father. art most high in the glory of

SALUTATION



The Lord be with \mathbf{P} you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26* (Life is much more than possessions.)

2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of

all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. 24 Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? 26 For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3

- P Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- C Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
- P Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
- C Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- P Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
- C For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His

truth endures to all generations.

P Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1–11

(In Baptism, our old selves were buried with Christ; therefore, our new self ought to reflect His presence in how we live.)

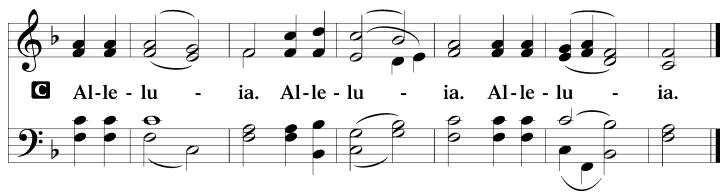
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

(Life means more than earthly treasures.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14 But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" 15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be

merry." '20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

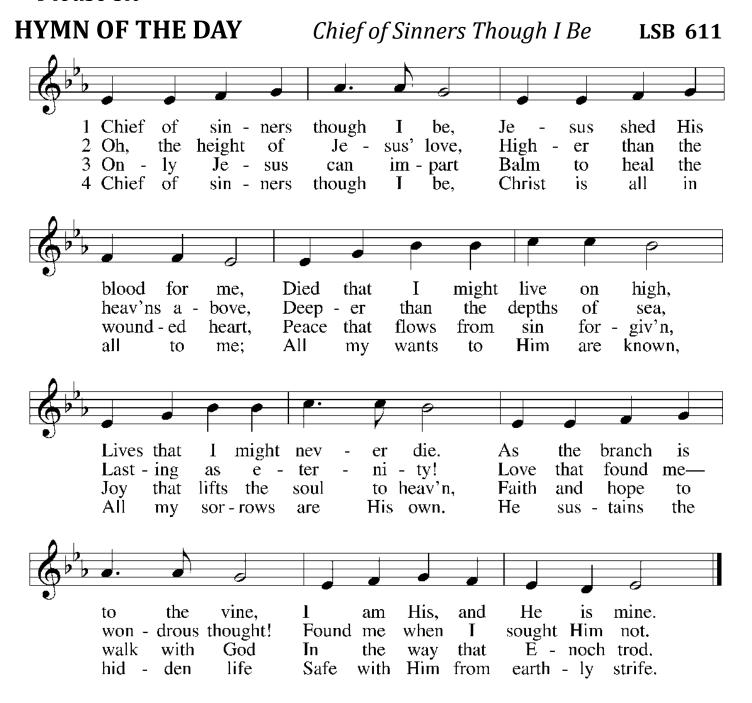
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered

and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to

come. Amen.

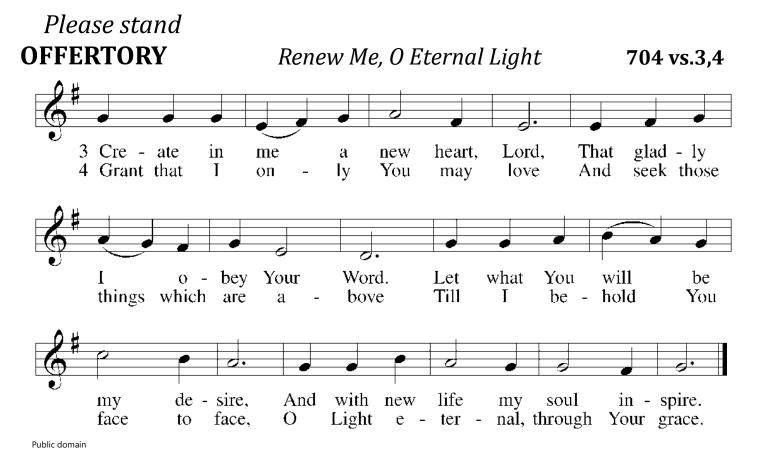
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O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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OFFERING



SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Remembering our Baptism does not necessarily mean recapturing the moment, for many of us were baptized as infants. But it does mean a willingness to follow our Lord each day.

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15b). For all who are deceived by the world's valuing property over people and power over service, that God would open their eyes that they serve Him above all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who focus on themselves, trusting their own efforts rather than relying on the mercy and blessings of our heavenly Father, that God would move them to loving service for the people around them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church around the world, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, calling people to follow our Lord as pilgrims treading toward the gracious and eternal promises of Christ, that God would protect and direct her, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P "I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:18). For all who languish, working in joyless jobs, those who are underemployed or unemployed, and each person who awakens to another day of discomfort and pain, that God would provide strength, endurance, and solace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who call out to God for relief from illness, pain, or difficult circumstances, [especially . . .], that God would hear their prayers and graciously answer them in His almighty wisdom and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the leaders of the nations, that God would guide them to provide decent food, clothing, and shelter for their citizens and protection both from enemies outside their borders and from lawlessness within, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P "Apart from [God] who can eat or who can have

enjoyment?" (Ecclesiastes 2:25). For all who do not know Christ's resurrection, but see the grave as the end of life, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to trust in our Lord's victory, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For health care workers, first responders, and all who minister to people nearing the end of this mortal life, that God would sustain them in their ministry and use them as His instruments for Jesus' sake, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For ourselves, that we look beyond the grave in our daily living, anticipating our entry into heaven and living in the light of God's love, let us pray to the Lord:

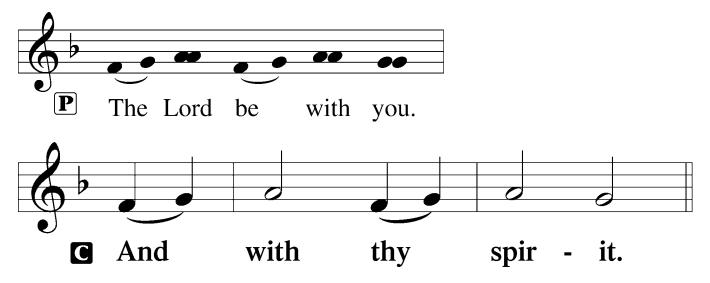
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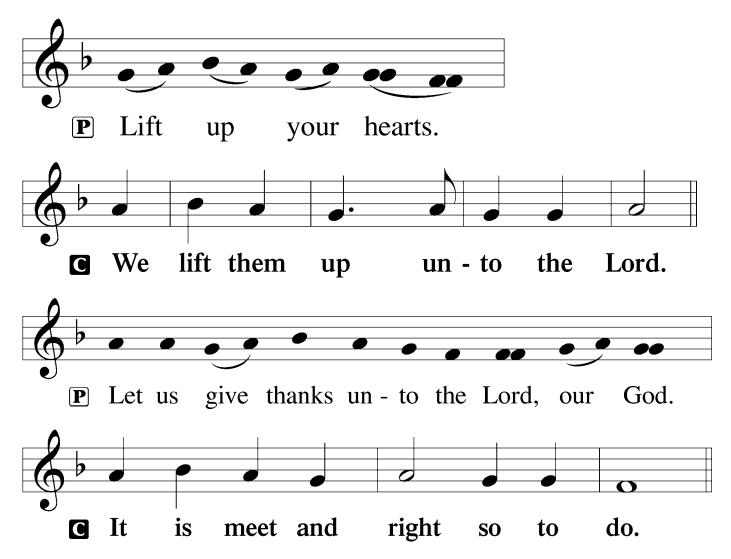
P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

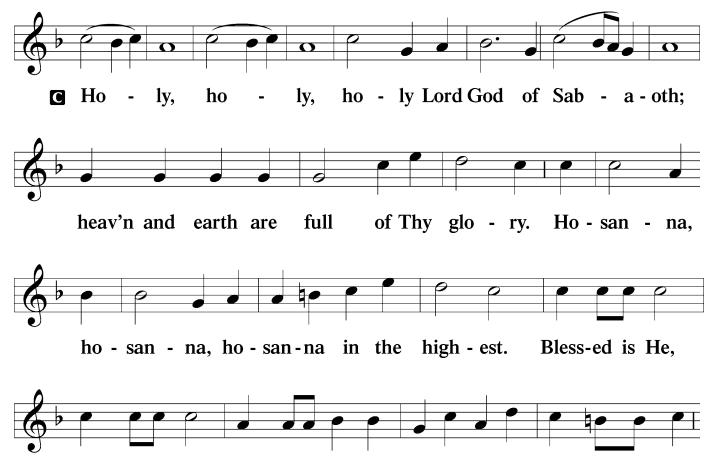
PREFACE





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and called us not only to physical life but also to eternal life with You through the sacrifice of Your Son. With repentant joy we receive the salvation He won for us on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant that we faithfully receive our Lord's body and blood here on earth until that day we

join the hosts of heaven at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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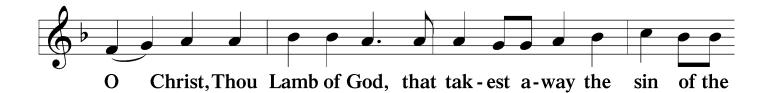


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world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that







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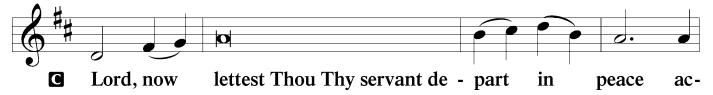
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

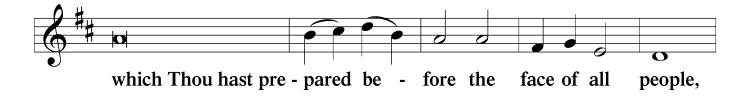
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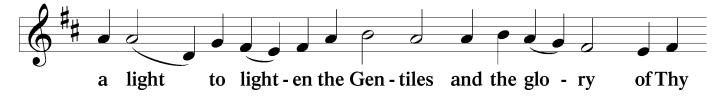
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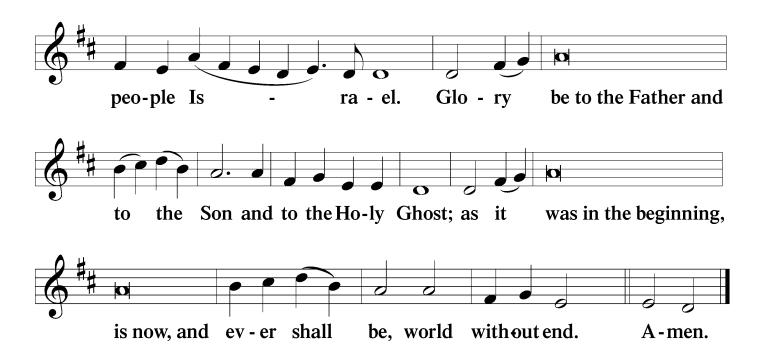
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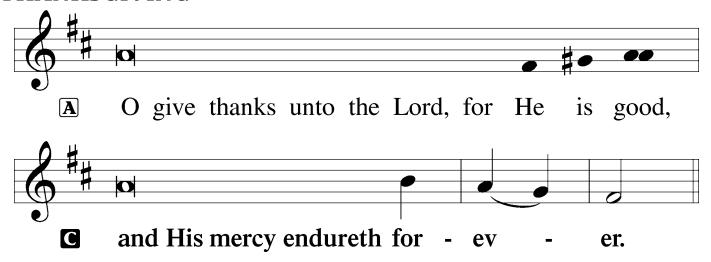








THANKSGIVING



P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we implore You that You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS



The Lord be with \mathbf{P} you.



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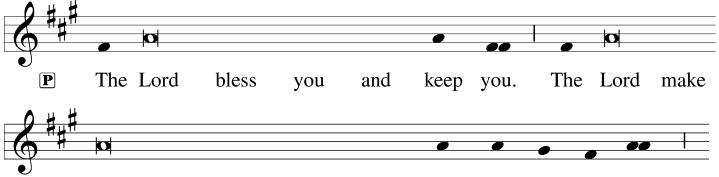


Bless the Lord. \mathbf{A} we

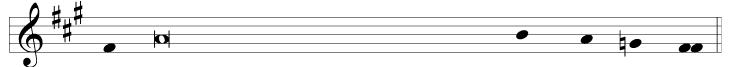


Thanks God. be \mathbf{C} to

BENEDICTION



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

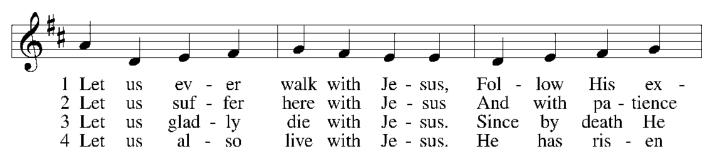


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SENDING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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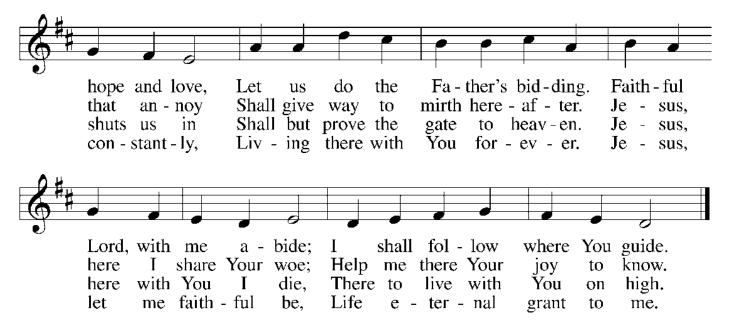
am - ple Through a world that would de-ceive us And pure, will fol - low all our sad-ness; Where He cross. Joy bear our He will free us from de-struc-tion, Give con - quered death, to That life from the dead to we may a - wak - en. sus.



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread-ing, Though to - day is, there loss. is no we sow no laugh-ter, im - mor-tal breath. Let mor - ti - fy all us pas - sion You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem-bers;



shall We reap All dis - com - forts ce les - tial joy; That would lead in - to sin; And the grave that us Where You live, shall be Your pres - ence there we In



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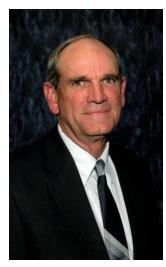
DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes			



Our brother in Christ, Vincent Donald Neuhaus, peacefully entered the presence of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, July, 16, 2022. He was born August 22, 1942, in Murphysboro, Illinois to Edgar and Ruth Neuhaus. Vincent was baptized in 1942 at Christ Lutheran Church, Jacob, Illinois and he confirmed his Christian Faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mercedes, Texas on March 25, 1956. After moving to Waco, Texas he faithfully attended and served at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellmead.

Wherever Vincent was, he loved and invested in those around him because he knew that he, an imperfect man, was first loved and redeemed by Jesus. Whether it was in business, serving on various community and church boards, or investing in and leading his most important gifts, his family, Vincent humbly served and loved out of Christ's everlasting love. On June, 22, 1968, Vincent married the love of his life and partner in ministry, Suzanne Persson, and they were blessed with three children, Brent, Amy, and Ryan.

Vincent was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Ruth Neuhaus; and his brothers-in-law, Leonard Weber (Jeanette) and Marshall Persson.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Neuhaus; sisters, Jeanette Weber (Leonard) and Linda Dolton (David); brother, Earl Neuhaus (BJ); brother-in-law, Robert Persson (Janet); daughter, Amy Kaufmann (Martin); sons, Brent Neuhaus (Kim) and Ryan Neuhaus (Jill); six precious grandchildren, Andrew Kaufmann, Katie Kaufmann, Jane Neuhaus, Laura Kaufmann, Adele Neuhaus and Vincent Neuhaus; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved.

A Celebration of Jesus' Victory over sin and death was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1301 Hogan Lane, Waco, Texas 76705.

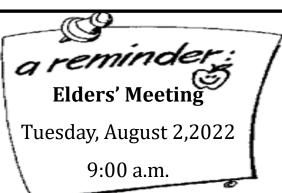


From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for July to September 2022 are available in the Narthex.

Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading the class.

Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., Isabel Grace Cestarte, daughter of Matthew and Karen Cestarte was baptized; in the presence of her sister, Hailey, family members and friends, and church members.; followed by a baby shower.



	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	July Sunday Servants:	August Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral		
This Week	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worsh	aip Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult F	Bible Study 10:30 am	
Next Week	Ninth Sunday after Pentec	ost	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worsh	aip Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult F	Bible Study 10:30 am	

Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God

To live for earthly things "is vanity and a striving after wind," and work that is driven by such vanity "is an unhappy business" (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for "all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow" (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). But "Christ who is your life" (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be "rich toward God" in Him (Luke 12:21).

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Readings :

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-16 Luke 12:22-34 (35-40) Immanuel Lutheran School Summer Birthdays

	June
5	Adam Mata
13	Iliana Leal
	July
4	Joy Weber
21	Santiago Aguilera
	August
7	Charlotte Rocha
12	Daniella Vreste

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together.

This week's memory verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.